

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following new paragraph after the "TITLE OF THE INVENTION" paragraph on page 1, lines 1-3:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a U.S. National Phase application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT Application No. PCT/US03/27892, filed September 5, 2003, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/409,879, filed September 11, 2002.

After the last page, insert the paragraph:

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

Certain novel piperazine urea derivatives are agonists of the human melanocortin-4 receptor (MC-4R) and, in particular, are receptor-subtype selective agonists of MC-4R. They are useful for the treatment, control, or prevention of diseases and disorders responsive to the activation of MC-4R, such as obesity and diabetes